

ABSTRACT

**[0043]** A method of manufacturing a vehicle trim component includes providing a thermoplastic substrate. A first material, which is different from the material of the thermoplastic substrate, is also provided. A portion of a surface of the thermoplastic substrate is exposed to a source of heat such that the portion of the surface of the thermoplastic substrate exposed to the source of heat is melted. The first material is then positioned onto the thermoplastic substrate so as to bring the first material into contact with the melted surface of the thermoplastic substrate, thereby bonding the first material to the thermoplastic substrate and forming a vehicle trim component.